

## **C.C.N.S.W. MATCH REPORT No 2: SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VETERANS AND BURWOOD: SATURDAY OCTOBER 22- SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2011**

### **C&S ROUND 3 v SYDNEY UNIVESITY VETERANS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2011: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON**

#### **A.k.a. "The Day of the Rangas"**

##### **Part 1. The batting**

A cracking day greeted both sides for the first of the JPS games. C.C.N.S.W. being the cup holder for the last 2 years, we wanted a win to start things off. Pressure on, we all know that the cream will rise to the top.

Craig Johnson again incorrectly called the toss. This area of his game needs a lot of work...

Sydney University Veterans decided to bowl. Johno sent out Ian Allmey and his 'son' Scot Wells to open the batting. Ian started the innings off the only way Ian knows with a gentle stroke over the bowlers head for an easy 3. They settle for 2. Wellsy at the other end poked and prodded and was a little confused by the lack of pace. The kind hearted hobbit was bowled by a straight fuller one.

Johno walked out with purpose. He was disappointed he lost concentration last game. A fate he would fall to again. Ian kept on his merry way until he was caught on the boundary at square leg for a well made 45. That brought out Ruaan Jonkers; you could feel the lack of anticipation from all sides of the ground. Jonkers lived up to the crowd's expectations and was on his way back for 9 runs.

That brought Tom Robertson to the middle and you could feel the mood change in the crowd. Tommy joined Craig Johnson who was sailing along. Craig was well on top and played every good cricket shot that we expect from him. His cover drives stood out for me. Some very cleanly struck shots. A big nick from the bowling of Paul Moorhouse found him on his way to the pavilion for 43. Maybe if he got down to a B cup he may be able to get past the 40s.

A fellow lefthander Derek Taylor then joined Tommy who had just opened his account with a cleanly struck 4 off Paul through square leg. At this stage we were sailing nicely at almost 6 an over and we had talent in the bank so complacency took over. Derek insisted that we didn't want to lose 2 wickets in a row but that kind of talk makes the writer want to accelerate the run rate. Tommy then hit Paul for a cover driven 6 into the fig trees in Fowler St. Derek and Tommy enjoyed a 67 run partnership until Derek was bowled by Paul for 9.

Dave Stingle then entered the Camperdown cauldron. Run rate now above 7 so more helpings of complacent batting was required. Dave hit a single off his first ball but then was run out by a direct hit from side on after an over throw. As always, it is easy to blame the Ranga at the other end but 9 times out of 10 Dave was home.

Last week's game loser, Matt Abeysekera, then joined Tommy. Matt is a very promising all-rounder and easily the most polite guy on the team. Tommy continued to take toll of the bowling in what was a very friendly batting wicket. Another ball went into Australia Street. The same over the likeable ginger was caught at deep mid off for 75.

Matt Gale joined Matt A. Matty G. hit a few clean hits for 4 and the late inclusion (Steve Taylor was a late withdrawal with a man-cold) had well and truly paid off. Matt A was looking to get us past 300 with a few lusty air swings. The pressure of girlfriend on the sidelines certainly shows with Matty's batting. The Matts got us past the 200 until Matt A was caught in the deep on the boundary.

It was now Tony Weston's turn for a hit. Been sometime since his last appearance with the bat but he looked the goods. Matt G was next to go. Fired LBW by Mr Brooks. That finger was up before Matty had a chance to look at him.

Ed Smith was next. A very correct batsmen by nature but with a few overs left incorrect shots were required. Tony and Ed saw us home to a very respectable 9 for 244 off our 35 overs.

## **Part 2. The afternoon Tea**

Bronwyn Virtue laid on another incredible spread of rolls, fruit and tea. Enjoyed by both teams and some ring ins. During the discourse of afternoon tea it was noted that we did get the 200 that Steve Taylor was aiming for in the pre game speech. Steve then replied that he wanted 200 and not 244. A displeased Steve threw his watermelon on the ground and walked off.

## **Part 3. The bowling**

There was a huge air of complacency in the air. You could carve it with a knife. The gun combination of Ed Smith and Tony Weston opened the bowling (Thank you Mr Brooks). The regular slow start greeted us until Mr Lodge (PS thank you for bringing your girlfriend) started to unleash a few very lusty blows. Even Ed was not spared as Mr Lodge unleashed a few very hard hit cover drives. Tony Weston was first to strike with a clean bowled and Ed was left wandering when his first wicket for 2011-12 was coming.

Sydney University Veterans were in with a sniff while Mr Lodge was still at the crease but a very clever field placement saw the end of him. It was noted that Mr Lodge swung hard at the ball and this more often than not ends up in a lofted ball round the point region. In this case you send in a Ranga. On this occasion Scotty was there to swallow an easy chance from the bowling of Ed. Ed was off the mark.

From then on Sydney University Veterans seemed to play for the draw. The run rate built higher and higher. Ed then bowled 2 very straight ones to put him on a hat trick. You could see the relief in Ed's eyes as he confirmed that "he still had it" even though 40 is well behind him. The hat trick eluded Ed on this occasion.

Tony Weston kept soldiering on at the Fowler St end. His second wicket came from a half hearted LBW appeal. It paid off and Westo claimed his second. Seemed some of their guys wanted to get to the Camperdown Bowling Club as much as us.

Johno then made the wise decision of introducing Scott Wells into the attack. A decision that would get us to the Bowling Club sooner. Wellsy mixed it up beautifully. He started with a very scratchy over, all part of the mix. Dave Stingl was also introduced into the attack. 'Stingers' showed us some incredible variation and Matty has the bruises to prove it. Dave bowled what could be the only double bouncer of the year. Needless to say Dave was fined accordingly.

Wellsy then started to find the line required. He and the sub (Mr Brooks) combined twice. Brooksy got off a multiplier to take two clean catches at gully. No problem with the President's eyesight! No matter what those quacks say.

Wellsy then bowled Paul Moorhouse with a cracking toppy. The C.C.N.S.W. premier bowler is certainly at the top of his game at the moment.

Sydney University Vets then hit a few 4s but the end was nigh and Matt Abeysekera got his first C.C.N.S.W. wicket caught by Derek Taylor at cover.

#### **Part 4. The Camperdown Bowling Club**

Everyone then proceeded to the 'Bowlo' for the fine session. It was a quiet session as the main source of revenue (Rangas) had done ok.

Good to get our first win of the season under the belt.

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:- 9 - 244 (35 overs)** (T. Robertson 75;I Allmey 45; C Johnson 43)

**Defeated**

**Sydney University Veterans: 10- 129 (31 overs)** (S Wells 4-30)

**By 115 runs**

**The Team and Batting was:** Ian Allmey 45 (off 36 balls), Scott Wells 5 (16), Craig Johnson (c) 43 (47), Ruaan Jonker 9 (15), Tom Robertson 75 (45), Derek Taylor 9 (15), Dave Stingl 1 (1), Matt Abeysekera 14 (10), Matt Gale (w) 20 (12), Tony Weston 12\* (10), Ed Smith 2\* (2), Wides 5.

**The Bowling was:** E. Smith 8-1-31-3, A. Weston 7-1-23-2, D. Stingl 5-0-15-0, S. Wells 7-0-30-4, and M. Abeysekera 4-0-22-1.

#### **MASTERS ROUND 3 v BURWOOD BRIARS AT ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2011: REPORT BY DAVID JONES**

Sunday saw clear blue skies and temperatures in the mid 30s, so expectations were high for a good game of cricket. Our spirits were lifted when we arrived at the ground to find a rather large ground with a near perfectly manicured outfield and a hard wicket. Mick McCormick went out to toss the coin with his opposite number and very nearly succeeded in slipping in a two headed coin for the toss. Once the "error" was discovered a new coin was produced and Mick called ..... 'Tails'. He won the toss and had no hesitation in batting.

C.C.N.S.W. started steadily with Craig Somers and Jack Jones opening the batting. They were scoring steadily at about four an over until Jack played over a short ball to get out for 9. Scott Wells came to the wicket and played some classic drives before he fell for 15. Craig meanwhile was pulling and cutting with ease and looked extremely comfortable before playing a loose shot off a spinner to sky one into the covers. He was out for 36 and C.C.N.S.W. 3-76 and looking good. Mick McCormick was batting well and looking set for a good score, but for a short time the wheels began to wobble when Greg Brooks was stumped for 0 in a sharp leg side move by the Burwood keeper. Running between the wickets became an issue when Frank Crowe joined Mick at the wicket. Frank dropped one short into the leg side and set off, only to be told NO by the skipper. Frank had by this stage made it half way down the wicket. He turned and set sail for home and would have made it except for a direct hit from the midwicket fieldsman. Frank was on his way for two and was still muttering about there being a run in by the time he got back to the pavilion. Angus Martin went to join Mick and even though it was more than a year since his last bat, he looked like he just stepped out of the nets and middled the ball from ball one. He and Mick steadied the ship, with Mick retiring on 40\* and Gus 43\*. In the last few overs Garry Winney and Joe Scarcella sacrificed themselves chasing quick runs. Mark Castro and Jay Patel finished the not out batsmen even though Jay didn't face a ball. After 40 overs C.C.N.S.W. had amassed 7-174 which looked like a reasonable score. The wicket was suited to slow bowling and we knew if we bowled well, we were in with a good chance of winning,

Greg Brooks and Joe Scarcella opened the bowling and bowled well without luck. 'El Presidente' Brooksy swung and cut the ball off a two step run up and he tried on many occasions to talk the umpire into giving a leg before wicket decision. The umpire however was having no part of it and in fact had no part in it on another seven or eight occasion. The Burwood batsman started well and were scoring quickly, going at about five an over. Scott Wells and Jay Patel came into the attack and slowed the scoring. Jay took a couple of quick wickets, Scotty another and two batsmen retired. With 10 overs to go, Burwood needed 34, but the scoring had slowed. Scotty continued to bowl well, without luck.... and the blessing of the umpire who still didn't want to give a LBW. Garry Winney bowled a very tidy 6 over spell to further put the brakes on the Burwood boys. When Mick bought Jack Jones back into the attack in 37<sup>th</sup> over, Burwood still needed to get 4 runs an over to win. Jack hit one batsmen in front and finally the umpire agreed it was out even though we would have been happy for him to stay as he was scoring slowly. It got down to the last over. The scores were tied and the batsmen bottom edged one past Frank to get the winning runs for Burwood.

All in all, it was a close game that was played in good spirit. With a bit more luck we may have got away with it, but on this occasion it wasn't to be.

**The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 7-174 (A. Martin 43\*; M. McCormick 40\*)

**Lost to**

**Burwood Briars:** - 4-175

**The Team was:** Mick McCormick (c), David ('Jack') Jones, Craig Somers, Scott Wells, Greg Brooks, Frank Crowe, Angus Martin, Gary Winney, Joe Scarcella, Mark Castro, Jay Patel.

**The Batting was:** D Jones 9, C. Somers 36, S. Wells 15, M. McCormick 40\*, G. Brooks 0, F. Crowe 2, A. Martin 43\*, G. Winney 6, J. Scarcella 3, M. Castro 2\*, Patel 0\*

**The Bowling was:** G. Brooks 7-1-33-0, J. Scarcella 4-0-16-0, M. McCormick 2-0-16-0, S. Wells 9-0-32-1, J. Patel 6-0-28-2, D. Jones 4.1-0-16-1, G. Winney 6-0-16-0

## **NEWS ITEMS**

**Sunday 30 October:** Social game v Opera House XI at Camperdown. Ken Yardy is still looking for more players to prevent the second C.C.N.S.W. forfeiture of the season. Contact Ken on 9318 2288 or 0419 789 784 or [ken@yardylegal.com.au](mailto:ken@yardylegal.com.au)

**Monday 7 November:** C.C.N.S.W. Monday lunch at the Royal Exhibition Hotel, Chalmers Street, Surry Hills (by Central). Contact Adrian Hawkes on 9265 9681 (B) or [hawkesam@bigpond.com](mailto:hawkesam@bigpond.com)

### **C.C.N.S.W. SOUTH AMERICA CRICKET TOUR 2 APRIL- 25 APRIL 2012**

This tour departs Sydney Monday 2 April 2012 to Buenos Aires after the end of the Grade season; it continues over Easter and on to Chile and ends in Peru on Wednesday 24 April just before Anzac Day. For those with the time there is an

optional 5 day add on to Rio. There will be side trips to Iguazu Falls while in Argentina and to Machu Pichu while in Peru

The tour will be managed by Paul Brandon. He currently proposes **10 games** in Argentina , Peru and Chile over a period of **25 days** at c **\$5800** - with an optional end of tour **5 day side trip** to Rio at a cost of **\$1400**.

It is a tour suitable for all Club members of any age and families but will be in part at least during school term time.

So far 36 people including 17 players have paid a deposit of **\$500pp** or more: -

Robert Bevilacqua (3); Mike Birchall (2); Justin Bradley (1), Ian Hammett (2), Paul Brandon (4); Grahame Danaher (2), Graham Howes (2); David Jones (2), Steve Kish (2), Brett McLennan (2); Gil McGrath (2); Ian Neil (3); Bruce Pendlebury (2); Joe Scarcella (1); Dave Stewart (2); Trevor Worland (2) and Ken Yardy (2).

We would very much like a few more (if possible younger) players. If you have any queries, contact Adrian Hawkes or Paul Brandon.

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